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Application of Ulrich WEGMANN

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MEASURING AN OPTICAL IMAGING

SYSTEM, AND DETECTOR UNIT Assignee: CARL ZEISS SMT AG

Our Ref. Q73583

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising thirty-seven (37) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and eleven (11) sheets of drawings. Also enclosed is Non-Publication Request Under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Copies of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

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A sworn English translation of the Provisional Application, originally filed in a foreign language (German) was previously filed in the Provisional Application.

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